



This is the Gravestenenbrug (bridge) across the Spaarne river, which runs through the centre of the city of Haarlem in the province of North Holland. Although the very first bridge was built at this spot some 600 years ago, the present good-looking bridge was installed in 1950. More on the city of Haarlem on pages 14 & 15.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

| | | |
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| Sunday 3 April | <u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$7.00 | 11.00 am |
| Sunday 10 April | <u>"Private Members Party"</u> | |
| Thursday 14 April | <u>"DJVV Club"</u> | Shop open |
| Friday 15 April | <u>"Private Member Party"</u> | |
| Saturday 16 April | <u>"DACWA Seminar"</u> | 10.00 am |
| Thursday 28 April | <u>"DJVV Club"</u> | Shop open |
| Friday 29 April | <u>"End of Month Drinks"</u> | 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm |
| Sunday 1 May | <u>"Koninginne Open Dag"</u> Free Entry!!! | 11.00 am — 2.30 pm |
| Saturday 7 May | <u>"Remembrance Service, Karakatta"</u> Afterwards Neerlandia Clubhouse | 9.00 am 11.00 am |
| Sunday 8 May | <u>"Mother's Day Brunch"</u> Cost: Adults \$15.00 Children \$ 7.50 | 10.00 am |
| Thursday 12 May | <u>"DJVV Club"</u> | Shop open |
| Sunday 15 May | <u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$7.00 | 11.00 am |
| Thursday 26 May | <u>"DJVV Club"</u> | Shop open |
| Friday 27 May | <u>"End of Month Drinks"</u> | 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm |
| Sunday 5 June | <u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$7.00 | 11.00 am |
| Thursday 9 June | <u>"DJVV Club"</u> | Shop open |
| Sunday 19 June | <u>"DVD Afternoon"</u> | |
| Thursday 23 June | <u>"DJVV Club"</u> | Shop open |

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Private Members Parties:

**For bookings of Private Members Parties or information
that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703 or Lianna Parker on: 6380 2736
Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:**

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Use of Hall | \$275.00 (Incl. GST) |
| Use of Lounge | \$100.00 (Incl. GST) |
| Use of Kitchen | \$100.00 (Incl. GST) |

News from your President

Dear members,

I am still amazed by the response to our appeal for donations to replace our aging kitchen equipment.

Since the last magazine went to print, the Wednesday Card Club has made a donation of \$300.00 and the Hollandia Choir donated \$340.00. Besides those two large donations, several individual members have donated various amounts ranging from \$5.00 to \$50.00.

I find it difficult to find suitable words to express my own and the Committee's gratitude to you all for those donations and I can assure you that they will all be put to good use. Meanwhile the new stove is performing as expected.

We have also done a blitz on some kitchen safety issues and that resulted in the following action.

A new microwave has been installed. (the old one had an un-repairable faulty switch) A 30 liter hot water urn has been purchased, which stops our volunteers walking around the hall on some occasions with jugs and kettles filled with boiling water to top up the Coffee urns.

Two fluorescent lights have been purchased and installed above the kitchen benches. The old ones had no covers over the naked light tubes.

An additional light has been installed on the upstairs landing outside the Neerlandia and DACWA offices.

Two safety signs have been purchased to warn our members about wet floors, specially in the toilets.

Another area of concern has arisen. West Australia is changing the composition of its natural gas and all equipment that was manufactured prior to 1980 could be declared dangerous and may even have to be replaced.

Private households will get dangerous gas equipment replaced free of charge by the WA Government but non-profit making clubs such as Neerlandia do not qualify and are not eligible for financial assistance.

I was also told by the relevant authorities that we do not even qualify to have the equipment inspected free of charge.

When the gas fitter installed our new stove, I asked the young man if our deep fryers and other equipment could still be used with the new gas, but he had no idea what was involved.



Is there a qualified gasfitter amongst our members, who can do us a favour and inspect the gas appliances in our kitchen and who can inform us if these appliances can still be used with the lesser quality gas that will be forced upon us and if not, can the equipment be updated or does it need to be replaced?

If there is, we would like to hear from you.

In the worst case scenario we could be up for up to \$20,000, but of course before it goes that far we will have a good look at the need for all that equipment that is presently in our kitchen.

Membership Fees:

It is very concerning that over 100 members have not paid their 2011 membership fees as yet. If you are not sure whether you have paid your 2011 membership fee, please ring Margaret Baltes on: 9305 2434. Margaret looks after our membership register and has all the details on her computer.

Secretaries of those clubs using our clubhouse on a regular basis will also be asked for their membership list, so that we can check that everyone is a financial member of Neerlandia, which of course is compulsory.

Upcoming Functions:

April and May are going to be very busy times with lots of functions and Private Members Parties.

On Saturday the 16th of April DACWA has organized a seminar with lots of useful and necessary information.

On Friday the 29th of April we will have our End of the Month Drinks again but this time with an Orange flavor.

We will have a Children's "Speelgoedruil en Kledingruil."

On Sunday the 1st of May we will hold an Open Day in the clubhouse to celebrate "Koninginne Dag."

On Saturday the 7th of May there is the Remembrance Service at the Dutch Annex of the Karakatta Cemetery followed by a get-together at 11.00 am at the Neerlandia clubhouse. The Dutch Singers will also attend.

And on Sunday the 8th of May we have organised the customary Mother's Day Brunch.

Appeal for help from a retired Carpenter or Handyman:

The 40 year old table tops in the hall are showing their age and need to be replaced. One price we had was \$50.00 per tabletop and with 25 tops to replace that is a lot of money, which we do not want to spend at this stage. We would dearly like to find someone who would be willing to make the tops (not all at once of course) for the price of the materials only.

Pieter Leeftang,
Your President

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS HAVE
JOINED
THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

Tom Willemsen
Theo van Lierop
José van Lierop

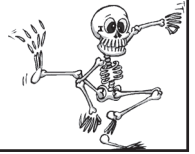


GET WELL SOON:

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.



Laughter is still the best medicine



CATHOLIC SHAMPOO:

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass by the beer cooler. One nun said to the other: "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?"

The second nun answered: "Indeed it would Sister, but I wouldn't feel comfortable buying beer as I am certain that it would cause a scene at the check-out counter."

"I can handle that without a problem," she replied as she picked up a six-pack and headed for the check-out. The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer.

"We use beer for washing our hair," the nun said. A shampoo, of sorts, if you will."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzels and placed them in the bag with the beer. He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled and said: "The curlers are on the house."

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Did I read that sign right:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a second-hand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: (I sure hope so)

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES..

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

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WORLD SURVEY BY PHONE:

Last month a world-wide survey was conducted by the UN.

The only question asked was:-

"Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"

The survey was a huge failure because of the following:

1. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.
2. In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.
3. In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.
4. In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.
5. In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.
6. In South America they didn't know what "please" meant.
7. In the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.
8. In Australia they hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.



"Dear Andy: How have you been?
Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.
Please sign off your computer and come downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad."

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De eerst volgende
Sunday Klaverjas
Drives worden
gehouden op
Zondag 3 April en
15 Mei 2011.*



Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn waardebonnen voor de winkel, lidmaatschap of drank.

Lunch & Koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs



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| CITROEN Jenever | \$49.00 PER LITER |
| BEERENBURG | \$49.00 PER LITER |
| ZWARTE Bessen Jenever | \$39.00 PER LITER |
| POLLEN Bessen Jenever | OUT OF STOCK |
| CITROEN BRANDEWIJN | \$39.00 PER LITER |
| KERSEN BRANDEWIJN | \$39.00 PER LITER |
| MILLWOOD LIQUEUR | OUT OF STOCK |
| DIKKE ADVOCAAT | \$29.00 per 700 ML |

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

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| DJVV 2nd Thursdays: | 10.00 am—2.00 pm |
| Thursdays Evenings: | 7.00 pm—10.30 pm |
| Organised Functions: | See page 2 |
| Fridays: | 10.00 am—1.00 pm |



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every 2nd Tuesday from:
10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

The next End of month Drinks will be held on Friday the 29th of April and again on Friday the 27th of May.

**The Clubhouse will be open from 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones, listen to some entertainment and enjoy a Dutch beer or snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Krokot or
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

The Neerlandia "Winkel" will be open.

Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome.

Sunday Brunch & End of the Month Drinks

Sunday Brunch:

On Sunday the 13th of May we held the first Sunday Brunch of 2011.



Freda & Ben Hovingh and Henri Koldenhoven enjoying their "Uitsmijter"

The recent long spell of very hot weather may have had some effect on our members as this time around the attendance was not quite what we had anticipated, but never-the-less it was a very cosy (gezellig) event, which was held in the Clubhouse Lounge instead of in the large Hall.

The volunteer ladies in the kitchen, Dora, Sienna and Ann made sure everyone was well looked after and kept up a steady supply of Coffee and Dutch biscuits, besides that there was an unlimited supply of Dutch breakfast specialities available and to cap it all off, the ladies excelled themselves by providing a delicious "Uitsmijter" for everyone.

What would we do without our volunteers! With some soothing background music playing, everyone felt relaxed and enjoyed the company of those around them.

We did have a couple of visitors from the Netherlands who are here on holidays.

Our Brunches not only provide an excellent meal at a reasonable price, but they provide a marvellous opportunity to meet other people and to engage in some casual or meaningful conversations.

After the meal was consumed there was an opportunity



Our secretary Lianna Parker with her parents Kitty & Ahrend van Straaten, who are here on holidays from the Netherlands.



Danny Boesser had little time to eat his delicious "Uitsmijter" as he had his hands full assisting his delightful son Eligh.

to obtain a drink from the bar and socialise a bit longer, but eventually everyone had to leave and only the cleaning up was left to be done.

Another very successful Brunch at Neerlandia.

Pieter Leeflang.

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End of Month Drinks – February:

And so it became February and the heat continued. Not to be beaten by either the heat or the unusual humidity that came with it, we decided to present our patrons with a chilled feature wine, Goundrey unwooded chardonnay and a cool Budels Capucijn as February's feature beer. Admittedly, we did not attract as many people as we were hoping to attract but we were happy to see that every one enjoyed a glass of good wine and the efforts we made to make the EoM drinks an experience. In addition to our usual selection, we have planned to serve an array of different Dutch brewed boutique beers over the months to come, as we intend to make the Dutch Club the place to be to get something different to the usual.

If you want to be part of this experience, come and visit the Dutch Club on the last Friday of the month.

We have a separate room for the children to play so that parents are able to enjoy a glass of good wine or a specialty beer.

By the time you read this article and you were not at our March "borrel", you will have missed the March feature beer which was a witbier from the Amsterdam "Brouwerij 't IJ."

Next EoM drinks are on April 29 which is a special one as we will be celebrating Koninginnedag.

Wear something orange, be in good spirit and come for a drink in the Lounge of Dutch Club "Neerlandia"; we'll be open from 5-8PM and we will have a Vrijmarkt for children too.

For information on the Vrijmarkt, please contact Yoalan Liem on yaolanliem@gmail.com

Lianna Parker.

Neerlandia's Oranje Dag



*Neerlandia will celebrate
“Koninginne Dag” on
Sunday the 1st of May*

The Clubhouse will be open from: 11.00 am — 2.30 pm

The Dutch Singers will be there!

***The Dutch Community Radio will entertain you direct from
our Clubhouse stage!***

***The Kitchen will be open for:
Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart!
Broodje Croquette! Broodje Rookworst!
Belegd Broodje! Bitterballen! Chips!
Rookworst & Cheese Platters!***

The Bar and Shop will be open

**Dress up in Orange or red/white and blue to make the
event look more festive.**

**Come along for a short or long visit, meet up with old
friends, listen to the entertainment, enjoy a meal, a snack
or a drink from the bar or just a cup of coffee!**

Free Entry—Free Entry—Free Entry

From the Secretary's desk

The Neerlandia website has been under construction for far too long. Although it is every intention of the "webmaster" to update the site and to make it more appealing to generation X, Y and Z, lack of time and lack of expertise prevent this happening.

Are you willing and able to assist us in building an attractive website? Maybe your grandchild, niece or nephew (1st or 2nd removed) could use building our website as a work experience project? Please don't hesitate to contact us if you think that you can help; we would be very grateful for that.

Thank you!

lianna_parker@bigpond.com (lianna_parker)

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This month's Thank You goes to Elisabeth Burrell, who donated a magnificent, hand made teaspoon rack with a collection of souvenir spoons. The following is a bit about the background of this gift:



".... In the early years, after retirement, my father's wood-work skills were of a high standard. He spent many hours in "het schuurtje" making objects to keep himself occupied. It seems fitting that the teaspoon rack, with its collection of souvenir spoons of my parents' travels, has found a new home, at Neerlandia. My father enjoyed the company of his fellow Dutchmen from his brief membership with the Club.

Many thanks, from Elisabeth"

Please keep an eye on the lounge as we will find a fine spot for this gift in Neerlandia.

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Klaverjassen is certainly not my expertise, either in playing or in writing about. However, I feel that a special mention needs to be made of Henk Arts, who provided the Sunday Drive Klaverjas players with beautifully made, thick, felt table cloths to change ordinary tables into professional card tables. Thank you Henk; your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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If you are an active committee member of **another Dutch Organization or Club** and you would like to raise interest in that organization or

club, you are more than welcome to contact the Secretary of Dutch Society Neerlandia. We can reserve space in the magazine to give you the opportunity to inform the Dutch Community about your club.

Please send your email to Lianna Parker on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (lianna_parker)

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Donations and Perfume:

As you know, we have received many financial donations over the past few months. All this money is going against the new stove that we recently acquired.

Always looking for new challenges, I have an alternative way for raising money for Neerlandia, which I mentioned in previous issues of the Neerlandia Magazine.

One of my hobbies is perfume, which I occasionally sell.

If you get a group of between 5 - 10 people together, we'll meet on a Tuesday morning in the Lounge of the Neerlandia Clubhouse and you can smell, play and buy (one of) my 300+ different fragrances. The proceeds of those mornings will go to Neerlandia. Are you interested? Please contact me on 6380 2736 or via email on lianna_parker@bigpond.com (lianna_parker).

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"Spotlight on....":

This column is meant to highlight the time and effort that a particular member of the Dutch community has dedicated for the improvement and maintenance of the Club building; a member who has expertise and/or enthusiasm that Neerlandia cannot do without.

This month's spotlight is on **Henk Hanemeijer** who is not only an enthusiastic member of The Dutch Singers, but also eager to learn about the computer. Whilst Henk took his computer lessons on Friday mornings in the Club, he noticed the Busy Bees working on the maintenance of the Club building, executed by some of the Committee Members and other volunteers. Henk is now a Busy Bee himself and we are very grateful for his enthusiasm and energy.

If you are a Neerlandia member, or you have a family member who is willing and able to be added to our list of experts and/or enthusiasts, please do not hesitate to contact either Pieter Leeftang on 9364 6703 or myself on 6380 2736.

We warmly appreciate your assistance.

Lianna Parker,
Secretary.

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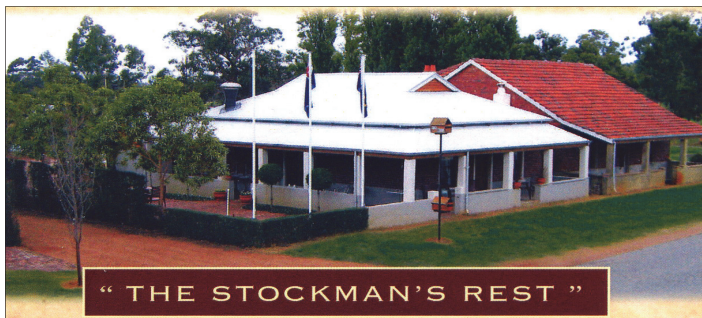
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Computers & April Birthdays

NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Our computer lessons in the Neerlandia Clubhouse have been temporarily halted due to the incapacity of our teacher Ad Liebrechts.

However, he can still assist you with your problems although only in a limited capacity on certain days.

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This service is free for our Members.



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The following Members will celebrate their birthday during the month of April 2011.

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday !!!**

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| Johan | Fuchter |
| Ben | Stoffels |
| Margaret | Kerr |
| Corrie | Teeuw |
| Frank | Linscheer |
| Janie | Geers |
| Louise | Chatburn |
| John | Norder |
| Frans | Roozendaal |
| Vicenta | Roozendaal |
| Barbara | Penello |
| Lou | Dingjan |
| Carla | Lenz |
| Peter | Raayen |
| Leonie | Willson |
| Don | Eastwood |
| Anton | Gradisen |
| Dora | van der List |
| Klaas | Zuideveld |
| Anna | Mansveld |
| Mia | Boshart |
| Jacoba | van Emden |
| Anny | Wagener |
| Henk | Ekamper |
| Tini | Swart |
| Frances | Butler |
| Peter | Meinema |
| Nico | van der Waarden |
| Bernadette | Vermeij |
| John | Keemink |
| Wim | Deugd |
| Bob | Moermond |
| Lies | Waller |
| Theo | van Lierop |

If your birthday is not mentioned or the details are not correct, this means that we have the incorrect data entered in our membership database.

Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all.

To make changes, you need to contact:

**Membership Administrator,
Margaret Baltes
on: 9305 2434**



Neerlandia Membership Application/Renewal Form

DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA—MEMBERSHIP FORM 2011

Postal Address: P.O. Box 200, Wembley 6913.

Please tick applicable box

- ☐ Application for New Membership (*Annual membership runs from 1st of January till the 31st of December*)
☐ Renewal of Existing Membership
☐ Annual Magazine subscription only
☐ Change of Address Notification

Personal Details:

Mr./Mrs./Ms First Name _____ Surname _____ Month of Birth _____

Mr./Mrs./Ms First Name _____ Surname _____ Month of Birth _____

Address _____ Suburb _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: (08) _____ Membership No: _____

E-mail address _____

Yearly Membership Fees until 30/12/2011:

| | | |
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| Associate Member (<i>Spouse must also be a member</i>) | \$35.00 | \$ _____ (GST included) |
| Pensioner Member & Country Member | \$35.00 | \$ _____ (GST included) |
| Neerlandia Magazine Subscription <u>only</u> | \$25.00 | \$ _____ (GST included) |
| (Note: Membership Payment includes the receipt of the Neerlandia Magazine) | | |
| Total | | \$ _____ |

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Mother's Day

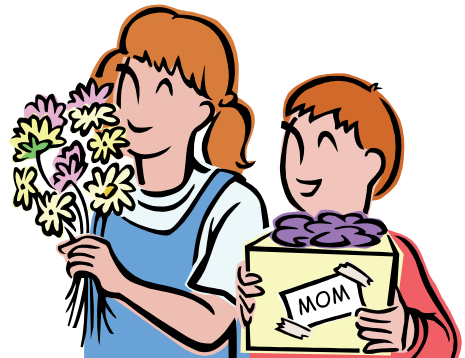
Sunday the 8th of May 2011 at 10.00 am

Mother's Day will be celebrated with a special "Uitsmijter" Brunch.

The costs are:

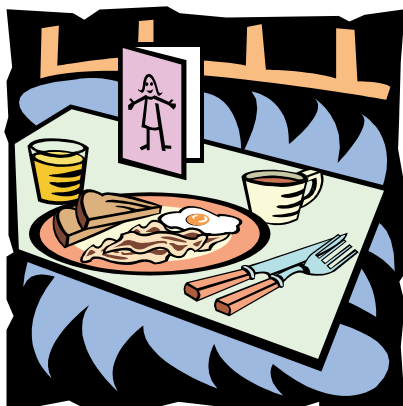
Adults: \$15.00

Children (4-14): \$ 7.50



Enjoy a cup of Coffee/Tea & Dutch Appeltaart on arrival. This will be followed by all sorts of Dutch Breakfast treats such as "Ontbijtkoek, Krentenbrood, Beschuit" & unlimited Coffee, Tea or Orange Juice. And then an "Uitsmijter" prepared the traditional way. Surprise mother and join us at Neerlandia with your entire family. And we will play some suitable soft background music on our sound system. And of course we will give a small present to all the mums that will be there.

Note: All bookings need to be pre-paid.
For more details Contact Ans van Alphen on:
9342 6525 (9.00 am—9.00 pm)



Your payment options are:
Send your Credit Card Details or a Cheque or Money Order by mail.
Ring Ans van Alphen and give her your credit card details over the phone.
Come to the Clubhouse on any Friday between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm and pay by credit card or cash.

Some light-hearted reading

AH TODAY:

(The floods in Queensland were devastating but most people will appreciate the following light-hearted story)



In the year 2011, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Australia and said:

"Once again, the earth has become wicked and overpopulated

and I see the end of all flesh before me.

Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I start the unending rain



for 40 days and 40 nights, beginning in Queensland."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark.

"Noah!," He roared: "I've started the rain

in Queensland! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed."

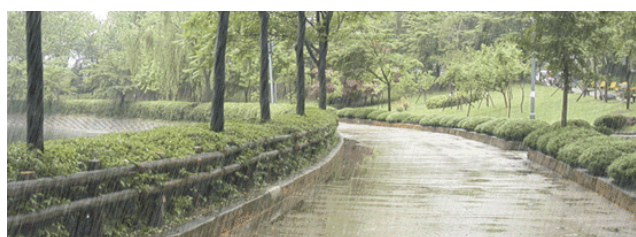
"I needed a Building Permit."

"I've been arguing with the Boat Inspector about the need for an on-board sprinkler system."

"My neighbours claim that I've violated the Neighbourhood Bye-Laws by building the Ark in my backyard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Council Planning Committee for a decision."

"Then the Local Council and the Electricity Company demanded a shed load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it."

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Mopoke."



"I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the Mopokes - but no go!"

"When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space."

"Then the Environmental Protection Agency ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood."

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many people from disadvantaged and minority groups I'm supposed to hire for my building gang."

"Immigration are checking the visa status of most of the people who want to work."

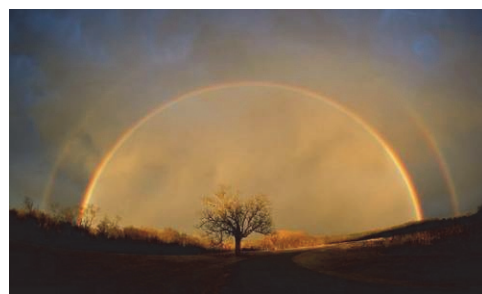
"The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union Workers with Ark-building experience."

"To make matters worse, the Australian Taxation Office seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species."

Suddenly the skies cleared over Queensland, the sun began to shine

and a rainbow stretched across the sky."

Noah looked up in wonder and asked: "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"



"No," said the Lord. "The local Council, the Greenies and the various Australian Government Departments beat me to it."

The Tourist city of Haarlem

HAARLEM



Flag and Coat of Arms

Haarlem is a municipality and a city in the Netherlands. It is the capital of the province of North Holland, which at one time was the most powerful of the seven provinces of the Dutch Republic. Haarlem lies in the northern part of the Randstad, the sixth-largest metropolitan area in Europe.

By the end of 2010 Haarlem had a total population of 150,611. The municipality of Haarlem also comprises part of the village of Spaarndam, a newer housing estate of this village forms part of the neighbouring municipality of Haarlemmerliede en Spaarnwoude. The city is located on the river Spaarne, about 20 km west of Amsterdam, near the coastal dunes. It has been the historical centre of the tulip bulb-growing district for centuries and bears the nickname 'Bloemenstad' (flower city), for this reason.

THE MIDDLE AGES



Count Willem I

The oldest mentioning of Haarlem dates from the 10th century. The name comes from "Harulahem", which means 'place on sand covered with trees, higher than the others'. The location of the village was a good one: by the river Spaarne and by a major road going south to north. By the 12th century it was a fortified town, and Haarlem became the residence of the Counts of Holland.

In 1219 the knights of Haarlem were laurelled by Count Willem I, because they had conquered the Egyptian port of Damietta (or Damiate in Dutch, present-day Dimyat) in the 5th crusade. Haarlem received the right to bear the Count's sword and cross in its coat of arms. On 23 November 1245 Count Willem II granted Haarlem city rights.

After a siege from the surrounding area of Kennemerland in 1270 a defensive wall was built around the city. In the 14th century the city expanded and the old defences proved to be not sufficiently strong anymore, so a 16½-metre high wall was built, complete with a 15-metre wide canal circling the city.

THE GREAT FIRES

In 1304 the Flemish threatened the city, but they were defeated by Witte van Haemstede at Manpad. All the city's buildings were made of wood, and fire was a great risk. In 1328 nearly the whole city burnt down. The Sint-Bavokerk (church) was severely damaged and rebuilding it would take more than 150 years. Again on 12 June 1347 there was another fire in the city and a third large fire, in 1351, destroyed many buildings including the Count's castle and the city hall. The Count did not need a castle in Haarlem because his castle in Den Haag had taken over all functions. The Count donated the ground to the city and later a new city hall was built there. The shape of the old city was square—this was inspired by the shape of ancient Jerusalem. After every fire the city was rebuilt quickly, an indication of the wealth of the city in those years.

The Black Death came to the city in 1381. According to an estimate by a priest from Leiden the disease killed 5,000 people, about half the population at that time.

In the 14th century Haarlem was a major city. It was the second largest city in historical Holland after Dordrecht and before Delft, Leiden, Amsterdam, Gouda and Rotterdam. In 1429 the city gained the right to collect tolls, including ships passing the city on the Spaarne river. At the end of the Middle Ages Haarlem was a flourishing city with a large textile industry, shipyards and beer breweries.

On December 11, 1572 the Spanish army put Haarlem under siege and after seven months the city surrendered on July 13, 1573. Many soldiers of the army that defended the city were slaughtered; many of them were drowned in the Spaarne river.

The city suffered once again a big fire In the night from October 22 to October 23, 1576. The combined result of the siege and the fire was that about a third of the city was destroyed.

The Spanish left in 1577 and a large influx of Flemish and French immigrants made the city prosper again. The new citizens had a lot of expertise in linen and silk trading, and the city's population grew from 18,000 in 1573 to around 40,000 in 1622. Haarlem's linen became world famous and the city flourished, just like the rest of the country: the Golden Age in the United Provinces had started.

The Tourist city of Haarlem

BEER BREWING

Haarlem was a major beer producer in the Netherlands. The majority of the beer it produced was consumed in Noord-Holland. During the Spanish siege there were about 50 brewing companies in the city; while 45 years later in 1620 the city numbered in the vicinity of 100 breweries.

TULIPS

In the 1630s, Haarlem was (and still is) a major trading centre for tulips and it was the epicenter during tulip mania, when outrageous prices were paid for tulip bulbs. As Haarlem slowly expanded southwards, so did the bulb fields, and even today rail travelers between Rotterdam and Amsterdam will see beautiful blooming bulb fields on the stretch between Leiden and Haarlem in Spring.

The textile industry, which had always been an important pillar of Haarlem's economy, was in a bad shape at the beginning of the 19th century. Strong international competition, and revolutionary new production methods based on steam engines by then in use in England, dealt a death blow to Haarlem's industry.

In the mid 19th century the city's economy slowly started to improve. New factories were opened, and a number of large companies were founded in Haarlem. In 1911 Anthony Fokker showed his plane, de Spin to the audience in Haarlem by flying around the Sint-Bavokerk on Queen's Birthday.



Amsterdamse Poort

20TH CENTURY

On May 1, 1927 the municipality of Schoten became part of Haarlem, as well as part of Spaarndam, Bloemendaal and Heemstede. The population increased at once with 31,184 citizens.

The city went through rough times during the Great Depression of 1930s.

World War II

During World War II Hannie Schaft worked for a Dutch resistance group. From September 17 to September 21, 1944, parts of Haarlem-Noord were evacuated by the Germans to make place for a defensive line. The stadium of HFC Haarlem, the soccer club, was demolished. Hundreds of people had to leave their houses and were forced to stay with other citizens.

TODAY

Haarlem is a paradise for tourists. Its compact city centre is brimming with historical sites, musea and other places of interest.

150 Years ago the city of Haarlem was surrounded by walls, towers, ditches and city gates.

What remains today is the Amsterdamse Poort (gate) or Spaarnwouder. The gate is dating from around 1355. The Haarlemmer gate is facing the city of Amsterdam.

Nice to know: In Amsterdam there is a Haarlemmer Poort (gate) which is facing the city of Haarlem.

Central Railway Station is located on the Oude Lijn, the original train line linking Amsterdam to Zandvoort and Amsterdam to Leiden. The station building itself is a Rijks Monument. The municipality of Haarlem is currently working on a plan to upgrade the area near the railway station.



Haarlem City Hall



Cathedral St Bavo Leidsevaart



Molen de Adriaan

Compiled by Lou Digjan with information from the internet



Lachen is gezond



Freddie heeft een goeie job, maar twee dagen in de week gaat hij tennissen en elke zaterdag gaat hij golven.

Zijn vrouw dacht: Hij werkt zo hard en toen hij jarig werd, trakteerde ze hem op een bezoek aan de plaatselijke stripclub.

De portier van de club begroet hen en zegt: "Hallo Freddie! Hoe gaat het?"

Zijn vrouw kijkt verbaast en vraagt aan Freddie of hij hier al eerder geweest is.

"Nee" zegt Freddie: "Hij is ook lid van mijn tennisclub!"

Als zij plaats hebben genomen vraagt de serveerster of Freddie het gewoonlijke wil drinken en brengt hem een wijntje.

Zijn vrouw zit te draaien op haar stoel en vraagt: "Hoe wist zij dat je wijn drinkt?"

"Zij herkent mij, want zij werkt ook op de golfclub en na negen holes drink ik altijd een wijntje!" verklaarde Freddie.

Dan komt er een stripper naar hun tafel, slaat haar armen om Freddie en wrijft zich zeer wulps tegen hem aan en zegt: "Hey Freddie, wil je zoals gewoonlijke de lapdans, lekkere vent?"

Freddie's vrouw, nu helemaal over de haar toeren, grijpt haar tas en stormt de club uit.

Freddie kan haar nog net inhalen als zij in een taxi springt en vlak voor zij de deur kan dichtgooien wipt hij naast haar op de achterbank.

Wanhopig begint Freddie zijn vrouw er van te overtuigen dat de stripper zich moet vergissen en hem aanziet voor een andere man.

Maar zijn vrouw is helemaal klaar met hem. Zij scheldt hem uit voor alles wat lelijk is.

Dan draait de chauffeur zich om en zegt: "Tjonge Freddie, wat heb je deze keer voor 'n kreng opgepikt?"

Volgens de doctor mag Freddie geen bezoek voor een week.

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Biecht anno 2010!!!

Een zeer oude man, die woont in de omgeving van Gulpen, ging naar de plaatselijke kerk om te biechten.

De priester maakt het luikje open van de biechtstoel en de man zegt:

"Vader, tijdens de laatste wereldoorlog klopte er een mooie vrouw op mijn deur en ze vroeg me om haar

te verbergen voor de nazi's. Dus ik verstopte haar op mijn zolder."

De priester zei: "Wat je gedaan hebt is fantastisch mijn zoon, er is absoluut geen reden om dat op te biechten."

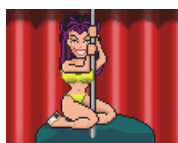
"Maar het is eigenlijk erger, vader. Ze betaalde me terug met seks. Elke dag en twee keer in het weekend."

De priester zei: "Door dat te doen liepen jullie beiden bijzonder groot gevaar. Maar het is wel begrijpelijk dat in die omstandigheden twee mensen zich zo gaan gedragen. Maar als je er echt spijt van hebt, dan zijn nu je zonden vergeven."

"Dank je wel vader, dat is een pak van mijn hart. Maar ik heb nog een vraagje:

.....
Zal ik haar vertellen dat de oorlog voorbij is?"

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Zij is 20.

Het was het gesprek van de dag toen een oude man van 80 jaar trouwde met een meisje van 20.



Na een jaar beviel ze in het ziekenhuis van haar eerste kindje.

De verpleegster feliciteerde de oude man en zei: 'Dit is

verbazingwekkend, hoe doet u dat op uw leeftijd?' Hij antwoordde: 'Je moet de oude motor draaiende houden.'

Het volgende jaar beviel de jonge bruid opnieuw.

Dezelfde zuster zei: 'U verbaast mij weer, hoe doet u dat toch?'

En weer zei hij: 'Je moet de oude motor draaiende houden.'



Hetzelfde gebeurde in het volgende jaar.

De zuster zei: "Wel, wel, wel, u kunt er wel wat van.

Hij antwoordde: 'Je moet de oude motor draaiende houden.'

De zuster zei: "Dan word het wel tijd om de olie te vervangen, want deze is zwart."



Hij is 80.



Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

On Sunday the 6th of March we held another one of our monthly Sunday Drives and this time we had 30 people that turned up, resulting in 7 tables of 4 players and two people that could not participate. Irma & Pieter were the unlucky ones that missed out.

The weather was a bit cooler with a maximum of 28 degrees, which was very welcome after a record run of 27 days with temperatures well above the 30's.

At arrival everyone was required to pay a



Joke the cashier and Gerda enjoying a cup of Coffee.

participating fee of \$7.00 collected by Joke Leeftang. This entitled everyone to a welcome cup of coffee from the kitchen and lunch.

Earlier in the morning Lunch was prepared by Irma and Thea, which consisted of a "Broodje Ham" and a slice of Apricot Loaf; this of course accompanied by another cup of coffee.

At 11.00 o'clock sharp the more serious business of Klaverjassen became a priority and the games started, only interrupted by lunch.

Just after 2.00 pm the first tables finished and everyone had to wait a while until all the scores were handed in. After these were checked the winners were announced and they were:



Irma and Thea with the prepared lunches.



Henk Arts, Karel Bakker and Rinus van den Ende enjoying a cup of Coffee before the games.

Klaverjassen:

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| 1st Prize: Tonie Liebrechts | 7114 points |
| 2nd Prize: Corry van Rijt | 6914 points |
| 3rd Prize: Con van der Putten | 6541 points |

The prizes were \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 gift vouchers for the Dutch Shop, which were eagerly used by the winners.

The next Sunday Drive will be on Sunday the 3rd of April but the following one in May will not take place until Sunday the 15th of May due to "Koninginne Dag" and Mothers Day Celebrations on the previous two Sundays.

Pieter Leeftang

WONING RUIL:

(De redactie kreeg de volgende E-mail uit Nederland waarin de kans aangeboden word om een woning ruil te doen.)

Hallo Nederlanders aan de andere kant van de aarde. Wij zijn een gepensioneerd Nederlands stel (68 en 66 jaar) en willen graag in de periode september-oktober 6 weken naar Western Australia.

Door middel van huizenruil of misschien heeft iemand van uw leden een tweede huis/zomerhuis wat zij beschikbaar willen stellen.

We zijn lid van Holidaylink een organisatie die zich toelegt op onderlinge huizenruil.

Tot nu toe is dit niet gelukt. We wonen in Drachten een plaats met ongeveer 50.000 inwoners. Dit is in het noorden van Nederland in de provincie Friesland.

We hebben een vrijstaande woning met o.a. slaapkamer en badkamer beneden. Is het mogelijk dit aan uw leden bekend to maken?

Bij voorbaat dank.

Viendelijke groet,

Hilda en Koos Keening

email: jacokeuning@gmail.com

DACWA Network Meeting and Correspondence

Network Meeting:

Friday 11 March was the first time DACWA organised a social get together for all the groups that are involved with people from a Germanic background.

The meeting was held at the Clubhouse of Dutch Society "Neerlandia" and lasted from 6pm-8pm.

We had high expectations and we wanted everybody to feel comfortable.

Upon arrival, each guest was offered a drink and Care Team Manager Regine opened the network meeting with a short speech. She explained "Our intention to get us all together today is simply to see how we can improve and work closer together in the future". A short run down followed of what we, DACWA, can do for the elderly within our CACP/ CVS and HVS program.

Soon everybody was asked to help themselves to the lovely food spread out on the platters; the catering was excellent.



After everyone had returned to their seats at the central table, they introduced themselves and each one in turn talked a bit about his or her role in their community.

It was a nice relaxed atmosphere and some great ideas came up.

Soon we will talk about our program on the Swiss radio.

We have also planned to contact the Curtin radio station as many of the elderly people listen to that radio station.

We received an invitation from the Bambu Club to attend a social event as well.

Hopefully we will all stay in contact and work together and we hope to meet again in the future.

We would like to say "Thank you" to all the guests who attended the meeting and also to Dutch Society "Neerlandia" for giving us the use of their venue.



Thank you to:

Neerlandia : Mr Leeftang

Dutch Radio: Mrs and Mr Kievit

Bambu Club : Mrs and Mr Coppen

Austrian Club: Mr Bickford

Swiss Radio: Mr Kunz

Vlamingen : Mr Overmeire

German Club: Mrs Pforzig

German Radio: Mr Leonhardt

German Info: Mrs Lenz and Mrs Kosc

Organizer of the Fishkopftreffen: Mrs David

and the DACWA Board and office staff for helping to make it a success.

DACWA Care Team Manager

Regine Rohmann

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(Pas geleden was er een Oil & Gas Exhibition in Perth and ik ontmoette de Exhibitions Manager, die om hulp vroeg die wij met plezier gaven en kregen een leuke E-mail als dank vertoning; Redactie)

Hallo Pieter,

Zoals beloofd stuur ik je hierbij een aantal foto's van de Nederlandse missie in Perth.

Nogmaals bedankt voor de hulp met stroopwafels en speculaasjes, het was een groot succes!!

Met vriendelijke groet / With best regards,

Marlijn Stoutjesdijk

Exhibitions Manager.

IRO - The Association of Dutch Suppliers in the Oil and Gas



IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 8th of March

Roelf Hogen-Esch

Our sincere condolences to
Willy and her family
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA

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Passed away on the 16th of March

Henny Hars

Our sincere condolences to
Johan and his family
from the Dutch Lunch Club
the Wednesday Card Club
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia



May They Rest in Peace.



**THE ASSOCIATED
NETHERLANDS SOCIETIES OF
WA (ANSA) and
THE DUTCH SOCIETY
NEERLANDIA**



will commemorate the Anniversary of
the Dutch National Liberation Day with a Remembrance Service
to be held on Saturday the **7th of MAY 2011**,
(9.00 am for a 9.30 am start)
AT THE DUTCH ANNEX, PERTH WAR CEMETERY,
Smyth Road, Nedlands.

All Members of the Dutch Community are invited to attend the Service.

After the Service, at about 11.15 am, you are also invited to come along
to a friendly get-together at the Clubhouse of the
Dutch Society Neerlandia, 230 Cambridge St., Wembley.

The Dutch Singers will provide some entertainment.

Snacks can be obtained from the Kitchen
and the bar will be open for your convenience.

For more information. Please contact:

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- Vleeswaren van Elmar
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- **Zoute Haring, Gerookte Makreel en Gerookte Paling**
- Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- Groenten in glas en in blik
- Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

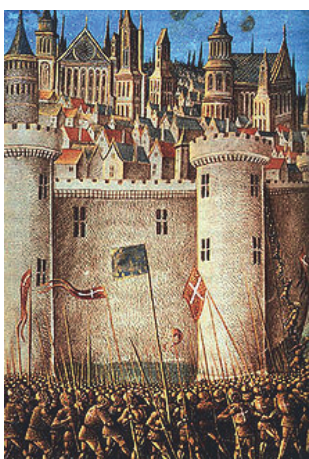
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| Elke Woensdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Elke tweede Dinsdag (non - DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - noon |
| Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm |
| Elke Donderdag avond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere Vrijdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |

**De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de
bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden**

The decline of the Seven Provinces

The Golden Age and the Decline of the Seven Provinces and the once mighty VOC.

(*Verenigde Oostindische Compagnie*).



The Siege of Antioch during the 1st Crusade

It was during the Crusades that those living in the western parts of Europe got acquainted with those delicious spices and gorgeous silk products from the far east. But long before these momentous happenings, merchants from Genua and especially from Venice were already in control of this trade.

Caravans laden with desirable goods were continually arriving, after a perilous journey through

often hostile countries and deserts, in the harbours of Jaffa (Israel) and Alexandria (Egypt). The Venetians bought these treasures and distributed them through their various settlements in the Mediterranean area. This made the Venetians a wealthy and powerful community.



Enterprising Portuguese traders were the first to break this monopoly in 1497 and sailed under Vasco da Gama round the Cape of Good Hope to Malacca and the East Indian Islands (Indonesia). The Dutch traders in those days sailed to Lisbon in Portugal to buy these exotic wares at more competitive prices than the Venetians were offering. This profitable trade came to a sudden end. In 1578, when Spanish armies occupied Portugal under the Duke of Alva on orders from King Philips II, as the last reigning King had died without leaving a legal issue.

It had now become dangerous for the Dutch ships as enemy Spanish forces confiscated the often fully laden vessels leaving Lisbon as the 80 year war between the rebellious Provinces and Spain was already in its tenth year. Undeterred the Dutch sailors soon discovered the route the Portuguese had pioneered and soon set sail for those faraway exotic lands.

But the Spanish sailors quickly acted and captured the Dutch ships wherever they could and so the Dutch then tried to find a northern route. We all know the traumatic stories from Willem Barentsz and Jacob van Heemskerk on the frozen island of Nova Zembla

during 1595/1596.

Convinced that there must be a way to beat the Spanish foe, a group of nine merchants joined together and formed 'De Compagnie van Verre'. In 1595 they were ready and four ships, armed with canon, left the isle of Texel for Malacca under the command of Pieter Dirksz. Keijser and chief merchant Cornelis Houtman. On arrival the group found that the Portuguese had told the locals that the Dutch were pirates and a murderous lot. No business could be done and in 1597 the ships arrived home with empty holds. The next expedition had to return as well after Cornelis Houtman was killed after a dispute with a local leader.

The glowing stories by the sailors of the riches they saw in those tropical lands spurred more merchants to equip ships for their long journey. It did not take long that these Dutch merchants were bidding against each other to fill the holds of their ships with those precious spices, silks and beautiful exotic timber, much to the joy of the local sultans. These various groups even fought with each other.

It was realized that a solution had to be found as already eight companies were competing with each other in 1601 on the local markets.

The 'Staten Generaal' with Johan van Oldenbarnevelt ordered these eight companies to come together and hammer out a solution. And so the V.O.C. (*Verenigde Oost Indische Compagnie*) was formed in 1602 with a capital of six and a half million guilders, a huge fortune in those days.

Amsterdam took up 50% of the shares issued, Middelburg 25% and the cities Rotterdam, Delft, Enkhuizen and Hoorn each one sixteenth. Each city formed a 'Chamber', so all together there were six chambers with a total of 60 'Bewindhebbers' (Chief Officers). By increasing the number of shares, each Chamber could appoint more Chief Officers and it did not take long to reach a total of 73. To make the organisation workable, 17 'Heeren' (Gentlemen) were chosen who were responsible for the day to day business. This group was known as 'De Kamer van Zeventien' (the Chamber of Seventeen).

The newly formed V.O.C. obtained an 'Octrooi' for 21 years from the government, giving the company the sole right of trading in the Indies. Anyone who broke this law could be imprisoned and had his ship and goods forfeited. The Portuguese were quickly driven out of the archipelago while the Dutch merchants were spreading out over the many islands. In 1619 the Sultan of Jacatra surrendered and his capital destroyed. The new Governor Jan Pietersz Coen decided to relocate from Ambon, rebuilt the city and named it Batavia. The war with Spain continued unabated, Admiral Jacob van Heemskerk died in 1607 during a naval engagement near Gibraltar. But even during their

The decline of the Seven Provinces

struggle against the Spanish overlords, the enterprising Dutch still took the opportunity to lay the foundation stone for 'De Beurs' (Exchange) in Amsterdam. They also formed the 'Noordse Maatschappij voor Walvisvaart' in 1613 while Groningen built a university in 1614. Prince Maurits is appointed 'Stadhouder' of the provinces Groningen and Drente in 1620. Piet Heyn surprised the Spanish Silverfleet in the West Indies and arrived home in 1628 with his captured prizes. Admiral Maarten Harpertsz Tromp partly destroyed a Spanish naval group during an engagement near Duins in 1639.

It is clear from recorded history that the determined Dutch people did not sit down to lament their fate and do nothing to improve their position. Stadhouder Frederik Hendrik, who succeeded Prince Maurits, recaptured 's Hertogenbosch from the Spanish in 1629.



Utrecht got a university in 1636 and in that same year the Portuguese were driven out of Brazil. Those were the roaring

days of the unstoppable entrepreneurs of the Seven Provinces who welded their nation into a worldwide respected power with Amsterdam as its center. Finally the two long time adversaries negotiated for peace in 1648 known as 'de Vrede van Munster'.

During all these years of warfare with Spain, mostly fought on both sides with hired troops (Germans and Swiss), the tough Dutch merchants in Holland and Zeeland managed to build very profitable businesses. In tandem science and the arts developed to a high level with names like Christiaan Huygens, Rembrandt, Jan Steen, Frans Hals, van Dijck, Joost van den Vondel, Hugo de Groot and many others.

Fleets left Holland's harbours to fish for herring and in the arctic for whales

Their ships with their tricolour flags waving from their mastheads were well known in the Baltic Sea. The VOC and the WIC (West Indiese Compagnie) ships were a common sight on their way to the East and West Indies, heavily loaded with trade both ways. The Dutch were the 'movers' of the world, with Amsterdam as their base and showing their power with their magnificent 'Stadhuis' on the Dam.

Enormous wealth was mainly accumulated by the effort of the merchants as a strong central government was missing because in the course of time towards

1700 many governors, with their appointed relations and friends, had divided the many well paid positions. The postal monopoly was worth a fortune but only the city of Rotterdam collected the monies for the community's benefit, elsewhere that money went into the pockets of the governors and friends. As a result the army and the once mighty fleet suffered badly for lack of sufficient funding

The decline became evident; in 1650 Amsterdam was the main city in Europe; in 1720 London had taken over; Formosa (Taiwan) was lost to the Chinese and in the Indies the Chinese became a rising power towards 1740, culminating in violence during which the city of Batavia was partly destroyed.

Disunity in the Seven Provinces was no help either, Prince Johan Willem Friso was acknowledged as Stadhouder in Friesland, Groningen, Drente and Gelderland, but not in Holland, Zeeland and Utrecht where he was hardly known. Furthermore there was not much interchange between the provinces, mainly because of language problems as no universal Dutch language was in existence. The French invaded the southern provinces and in their need, Holland and Zeeland appointed Johan Willem Friso not only to Stadhouder but also Captain General of all the forces. He drowned near the Moerdijk on 14th June 1711 when his ferry capsized. He was succeeded by Prince Willem Karel Hendrik Friso who was appointed Stadhouder of all the Seven Provinces under the name of Willem IV. Peace with France was made on the 30th of April 1748 at Aken.

While the 'Staten Generaal' had lost direction, the many merchants were still doing a roaring business. As the fleet was neglected, the English took advantage and confiscated as many trading vessels as they could. They even took possession of the American and West Indiese settlements for a short time. But here the French helped the Dutch regaining these possession against allayment of three million guilders. Thankfully peace with England was signed on 20 May 1784.

Then came the upheaval in France, where King Louis XVI and his wife Mary Antoinette lost their heads on the scaffold during the revolution that spilled all over Europe. During the severe winter of 1794/95 the Seven Provinces lost their independence to the raggedy forces of Marshall Pichegru, encouraged by the Dutch General Daendels. Willem V and his family escaped to England where he died in 1806. The English declared war on Holland and confiscated all overseas possessions. The bankrupt VOC was dissolved in 1795, four years after the demise of the WIC (West Indiese Compagnie).

And so the end had come to the once mighty Provinces.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number! The codes for 3 letters are given. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

The last Codebreaker was again not easy, but once you found the word incognito, it all fell in place. Following is the full solution:

A=15; B=16; C=13; D=5; E=12; F=8; G=9; H=10; I=7; J=24; K=21; L=25; M=14; N=20; O=19; P=18; Q=2; R=3; S=1; T=22; U=17; V=11; W=26; X=4; Y=23; Z=6.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Moderate

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